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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF AFFINITY CHARTER RULES

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1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED APPROPRIATE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (CIVILAVIA AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) ON JUNE 26 OF THE JUNE 21 CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. AT PRESENT ONLY RPT ONLY AFFINITY CHARTERS ARE PERMITTED BY CIVILAVIA. THUS NO TRAVEL GROUP CHARTER (TGC) OR ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER (ABC) EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE FROM ITALY. CIVILAVIA WILL CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE AFFINITY CHARTERS FOR 1974 SEASON UNDER APPLICABLE ITALIAN REGULATIONS AND AT THIS TIME HAS NO RPT NO PLANS TO SUSPEND AFFINITY CHARTER RULES.

3. ALITALIA REP TOLD EMBOFF JULY 10 THAT CIVILAVIA WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTERS (ITC) ON TRIAL BASIS PROVIDED THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED BY SCHEDULED AND NONSCHEDULED CARRIERS ON MINIMUM CHARTER FARES. BOTH ALITALIA AND CIVILAVIA, HOWEVER, REMAIN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ABC AND TGC ON BASIS THEY CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY POLICED AND COULD BE SUBJECT TO EVEN MORE ABUSES THAN AFFINITY CHARTERS OR ITC.
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